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FOR DR. KISSINGER FROM AMBASSADOR IRWIN

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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH TV JOURNALIST THIERRY DESCITIVAU

1. UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH TV JOURNALIST, THIERRY DESCITIVAU WHO INTERVIEWED YOU BRIEFLY JUNE 13 FOR FRENCH AND AMERICAN TELEVISION AT HOTEL MAJESTIC RAISED WITH YOU ON THAT OCCASION POSSIBILITY HIS CONDUCTING LONGER INTERVIEW WITH YOU ON THEME " YEAR OF EUROPE" DURING HIS UPCOMING " LEADER GRANT" VISIT TO US JUNE 18- JULY 9, AND THAT YOU SUGGESTED HE CONTACT YOUR OFFICE ON HIS ARRIVAL WASHINGTON. EMBASSY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN DESCITIVAU REQUEST.

2. AS YOU MAY RECALL FROM MY MEMORANDUM TO YOU OF MAY 21, THE EMBASSY HAD EARLIER RECEIVED SIMILAR REQUEST FOR QTE YEAR OF EUROPE ENDQTE PRESENTATION BY YOU FROM FRENCH TELEVISION PRODUCER ALAIN DUHAMEL. FORUM PROPOSED BY DUHAMEL IS QTE TROIS VERITES ENDQTE, PRIME TIME PRESTIGE PROGRAM WHICH, WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION, WOULD PROBABLY COMMAND AUDIENCE OF 20,000,000 IN FRANCE. FORMAT WOULD BE OPENING STATEMENTS BY YOU AND HIGH- LEVEL FRENCHMAN (JOBERT AND COUVE DU MURVILLE WERE TWO POSSIBILITIES MENTIONED) WITH SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION. PROPOSED TIMING IS END OF JUNE OR IN JULY ... I. E., AFTER SERIES OF PRESIDENT' S BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH MAJOR WESTERN

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EUROPEAN LEADERS AND BREZHNEV AND BEFORE VARIOUS
US- EUROPE NEGOTIATIONS SHAPING UP FOR FALL. WHILE
FRENCH WOULD NATURALLY PREFER YOU COME TO PARIS FOR
THIS, THEY COULD AND WOULD DO PROGRAM BY SATELLITE
HOOK- UP IF THAT YOUR PREFERENCE. DUHAMEL SAYS HE
HAS DISCUSSED IDEA WITH JOBERT WHO REPLIED, ACCORDING
TO DUHAMEL, THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER SUCH PROPOSAL
IF MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE COULD E WORKED OUT.

3. SHOULD THE DEMANDS ON YOUR TIME AND ENERGIES
PERMIT, LIVE TELEVISION PRESENTATION BY YOU THIS
SUMMER OF AMERICAN POSITIONS ON KEY ATLANTIC QUESTIONS
WOULD MAKE HIGHLY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION US INTERESTS
IN FRANCE AND EUROPE. DO NOT KNOW THE FORMAT OR OTHER
DETAILS OF INTERVIEW DESCITIVAU PROPOSED. HOWEVER, IF YOU
SHOULD HAVE OR WISH TO CHOOSE ONE RATHER THAN DO BOTH,
FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE BASED ON SOMEWHAT LIMITED
INFORMATION, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT OF DUHAMEL OVER
DESCITIVAU BECAUSE OF ITS QTE DIALOGUE ENDQTE FORMAT
AS OPPOSED TO QTE MONOLOGUE ENDQTE FORMAT ENVISAGED
BY DESCITIVAU. JOINT PARTICIPATION WITH HIGH- LEVEL
EUROPEANS ON REVITALIZING ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIPS
WOULD DRAMATIZE THAT US WISHED OPEN DIALOGUE WITH
RATHER THAN OFFER ONLY AMERICAN PRESCRIPTIONS, AND
WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT, ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES EXIST,
COMMON GROUND IS SUFFICIENT PERMIT PUBLIC DISCUSSION
THESE DIFFERENCES.

4. ANOTHER PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO ENSURE THAT WHEN
ONE TV JOURNALIST CALLS YOU, YOU KNOW YOU MAY EXPECT
TO RECEIVE A SECOND CALL.
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